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Board of Supervisors
County of Marin
Civic Center
San Rafael, California 94903

Re: Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Gentlemen:

Attached you will find a copy of a letter on the above subject to the House of Representatives, Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

The letter is self-explanatory, and we ask that you include it in substance in the County's recommendation to the Congress.

Very truly yours,

Hugh Dougherty
President

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Enclosure

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Honorable Roy A. Taylor
Chairman, Subcommittee on National Parks
of the Committee on Interior National Parks
of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20325

Re: Proposals for a Golden Gate National Recreational Area
HR 13060 (Mailliard) et al.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

We understand that your Subcommittee has scheduled hearings on the above subject on May 11 and 12, 1972. Please accept this letter for consideration by the Subcommittee and inclusion in the record.

Notwithstanding the comments which follow, we generally approve the proposed Golden Gate National Recreation Area, (hereafter "GGNRA"), at least conceptually. It has obvious federal significance and at the same time will provide substantial assistance to local governmental efforts to secure open space within the rapidly urbanizing metropolitan area that is San Francisco.

The current generation of bills relating to the establishment of a GGNRA describe the lands to be included by reference to Map No. NRAGG-20,000 C, e.g., HR 13060 (Mailliard), page 2, lines 2-10. This map excludes the community of Stinson Beach from the GGNRA, but unfortunately the map scale is too small to adequately describe this interior boundary.

The prior generation of bills described the exterior boundaries of the proposed recreation area with considerable precision, but are nonspecific as to the interior boundary between the recreation area and surrounded town of Stinson Beach, dealing with the matter merely by the statement, "and excluding the property within the community of Stinson Beach," e.g., HR 9498 (Burton), page 3, lines 23 and 24.

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Stinson Beach is an unincorporated community and, therefore, has no fixed boundaries. However, it is evident that specific boundaries will have to be established when the recreation area acquisition is undertaken. The land-use master plan for the Stinson Beach Area is currently in process of revision by the County of Marin. Accordingly, no specific master plan guidance is presently available.

From the foregoing, it is apparent that uncertainty as to the specific boundaries of Stinson Beach will continue for some time. It is therefore important that enabling legislation for GGNRA contain flexibility sufficient to accommodate adjustment to the community's area to reflect county and community land-use planning policies after the plan revisions now in progress are completed and adopted within the next year or two. It is noted that HR 13060 (Mailliard), generally referred to as the "Administration Bill", contains the following language on page 2, lines 15-18:

> "The Secretary may from time to time make corrections in the boundaries of the recreation area..."

It is recommended that a similar provision be included in the final GGNRA Bill and that its meaning be enlarged by addition of the words "and adjustments" so that it would read:

> "The Secretary may from time to time make corrections and adjustments in the boundaries of the recreation area..."

This proposal is respectfully submitted by an ADHOC Group representing the following Stinson Beach Community Organizations:

Stinson Beach Progressive Club
Stinson Beach Projects
Stinson Beach Planning Group
Seadrift Property Owners' Association.

Sincerely yours,

Hugh Dougherty
President
Stinson Beach Progressive Club

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